

# TOWN OF BARRINGTON PLANNING BOARD

Regular Business Meeting  
Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Meeting  
Council Chamber, Barrington Town Hall

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**Open Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Present:** Michael McCormick – Chairman, Anne Galbraith, Jean Robertson, Christine O’Grady, Adamson Streit

**Absent:** Lawrence Trim, Jr. – Vice Chairman, Edgar Adams, Paul Dulchinos

**Also Present:** Assistant Solicitor Amy Goins; Council Liaison Michael Carroll, Town Planner Philip Hervey, Secretary Mary Ann Rosenlof

## **Consent Agenda**

### **Item 3.1: Approve Minutes: January 6, 2015 Regular Business Meeting**

***Motion:*** Mr. Streit moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Ms. Robertson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (5-0).

## **Public Hearings**

*No public hearing.*

## **Old Business**

### **Item 5.1: Comprehensive Community Plan Update: Schedule Joint Public Hearing**

Mr. Hervey said the public hearing date has been set by the Town Council for March 25, 2015. The Plan has been posted to the Town’s website; it is also available for public review at the Library and Town Hall.

## **Reports & Special Items**

### **Item 7.1: Recommendation: 2015-21 Capital Improvement Program**

Ms. Robertson reported that the Planning Board’s CIP Subcommittee recently met with Town departments and the School Department to discuss capital project requests submitted for consideration. The School Department is requesting capital funding for technology upgrades and school playground renovations needed to bring them into compliance. The committee felt that although the Schools’ items are necessary expenditures, they do not belong on the municipal side of the budget.

The school budget already has a capital line item for buildings; it also should have a capital budget for other items, Ms. Robertson said. Last year the Appropriations Committee in its deliberations eliminated funding for a municipal project in the Planning Board’s recommended capital budget in order to provide funding for school technology. It was the first time in several years that a school capital project was included the Town’s capital budget.

The Board discussed CIP Committee’s recommendation for Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Tables 1 and 1A – General Fund) and reached consensus on the following items:

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- \$65,000 for auto replacement capital reserve
- \$59,000 for equipment capital reserve

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- \$100,000 for the fire vehicle capital reserve fund

- \$40,000 for the equipment capital reserve

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

- \$260,000 for DPW capital reserve for vehicles
- \$ 56,000 for the small equipment capital reserve
- \$40,000 for the environmental issues capital reserve (funding for FY2015-16 would cover cost of landfill monitoring)

#### ASSESSOR:

- \$80,000 for the tax revaluation capital reserve – to complete revaluations as required by State law
- \$150,000 for the purchase of Opal administrative software - most municipalities in Rhode Island use this software; annual maintenance costs would be significantly less expensive, and technical support is expected to be more responsive compared to the current system.

#### HARBORMASTER:

- \$8,000 for replacement of patrol boat engines, and repairs to the Harbormaster's dock

\$1,000 for maintenance of channel markers

#### LIBRARY:

- \$4,000 for computer upgrades, with additional funding from Friends of the Library and the Library corporation

#### SENIOR CENTER:

- \$48,000 for replacement of Senior Center van, which is in need of costly repairs.

#### RECREATION:

- \$18,000 for repairs to the Woods Pond gazebo and fence
- \$34,000 for skateboard park equipment and storage, to be used at the Legion Way Rink

#### PLANNING

- \$35,000 for Comprehensive Plan implementation – projects such as the Village Center parking study, grant-funded projects that require a match such as the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, etc.
- \$90,000 for energy planning and projects(increased to cover the expected cost of street light acquisition)

The Board supported the Committee's recommendation not to fund School-related capital expenses in the municipal budget.

Total recommended Capital Budget (General Fund) for FY2015-16 comes to \$1,088,000.

For future years the Board recommended the following:

- \$80,000 in FY2016-17 for a new transient dock off of Police Cove Park to be built after park is completed
- Line items for hazard mitigation projects and sidewalk projects – priorities in the new Comprehensive Community Plan

The Board recommended the Sewer Fund (Table 2) requests from the Public Works Department totaling \$675,000, for a new utility truck, jet truck and repairs to a sewer line on Middle Highway at Legion Way.

The Board recommended \$4.2 million in bond projects (Table 3) in FY2015-16 for renovations to the second floor of the Library (\$1.2 million), and \$3 million to complete the closure of Landfills 3 and 4, supplementing bond funding that remained from a previous bond issue for the closure of Landfills 1 and 2.

The Board noted that though there is no funding in the CIP for building a new Senior Center or renovating the existing one, though the facility is a priority given the aging population and the potential new senior housing at the former Zion Bible Institute campus.

The Board also reviewed the proposed 2015 Comprehensive Plan and identified potential projects that could be implemented over time through funding from the CIP.

**Motion:** Mr. Streit made a motion to approve the Recommended Capital Improvement Program as discussed; Ms. O’Grady seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

### **New Business**

*No new business.*

### **Reports & Special Items**

None

### **Comments from Board Members, Council Liaison, Town Planner**

- Police Cove Park – Mr. Hervey said the Town is wrapping up the final paperwork required by the State to proceed with construction, which is expected to start in late March/early April, weather permitting. The Cranston artist chosen by the Police Cover Park Committee to complete a public art piece for the park is under contract and working on the sculpture.
- The Board discussed potential challenges related to providing affordable housing units in the independent living/assisted living/memory care portion of the project at the former Zion Bible campus given the level of services required for those residents. One option is to meet the LMI housing requirement through offsite units or payment of a fee-in-lieu.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Ms. Galbraith and seconded by Ms. O’Grady, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.